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| In re Application of | : | OFFICE OF PETITIONS |
| Mehdi-Laurent Akkar et al | : | |
| Application No. 09/771,967 | : | ON PETITION |
| Filed: January 30, 2001 | : | |
| Attorney Docket No. AKKAR | : | |

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 27, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed May 5, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 6, 2005.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE); (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of May 5, 2005 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (571) 272-3220.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2137.


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